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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to an Office Action dated August 1, 2008, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted for entry and consideration. The Action set a 3 month shortened statutory period for response, making this paper due November 1, 2008. This reply is timely filed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

Kindly amend the paragraph that bridges pages 4 and 5 of the specification as follows:

The solids according to the invention are preferably crystalline, especially with a tetragonal symmetry class. Usually the X-ray scattering diagram differs from that of a physical mixture of the individual components BiOI, BiOX and BiOL. Very special preference is given to solid solutions, especially solid solutions mainly or exclusively in the crystal lattice of bismuth oxyhalide, which is understood to mean that the two most intense reflections in the X-ray powder diagram are in the range from 27 to 32 2θ (BiOBr). If a melting point can be determined, it is advantageously above 200°C, preferably above 300°C.